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SUBJECT: SENATOR MANSFIELD'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS

REFS: A. STATE 179990; B. FBIS LONDON 060845Z AUG 75

SUMMARY: DURING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 5-7, SENATOR MANSFIELD CALLED UPON KING KHALID, CROWN PRINCE FAHD, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD, AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI. IN ALL MEETINGS (EXCEPT THAT WITH YAMANI) SAUDI LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN AND DISAPPROVAL OVER CONGRESS'S RESTRICTIONS ON U.S.- MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN AND TURKEY. THEY WERE AWARE OF AND PLEASED BY THE SENATOR'S POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. ALL SAUDI LEADERS EMPHASIZED SAG'S DESIRE FOR CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH USG AND URGED USG TO CONTINUE AND SPEED UP ITS PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS. A FURTHER DISENGAGEMENT ON SINAI WOULD BE GOOD, BUT ONLY FOR STARTERS. PRINCE FAHD EXCLUDED ANY POSSIBILITY THAT SAUDI ARABIA COULD RECOGNIZE THE USSR. HE PARTICULARLY

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STRESSED DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH U.S., AND

DENIED AGREEMENTS ON OIL OR LOAN HAD BEEN  
CONCLUDED DURING RECENT VISIT TO PARIS. KING AND MINISTER OF  
STATE PRINCE SAUD BELIEVE STAGE HAS BEEN SET FOR NEGOTIATED  
PROGRESS BETWEEN PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND MORO INSURRECTIONISTS.

END SUMMARY.

1. ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6 SENATOR MANSFIELD ACCOMPANIED BY  
CHARGE CALLED ON KING KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, CROWN PRINCE  
FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
PRINCE SAUD BIN FAYSAL, AND HAD A FAMILY LUNCH WITH MINISTER  
OF PETROLEUM AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI. THE ENTIRE MANSFIELD PARTY  
ATTENDED MEETING WITH PRINCE SAUD, AND MINISTER YAMANI'S  
LUNCH; ONLY SENATOR, CHARGE, MR. VALEO AND MR. JONES  
ATTENDED THE MEETINGS WITH KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD.

2. MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE PRINCE SAUD (0900):  
PRINCE SAUD EXPLAINED TO SENATOR MANSFIELD THAT CONTINUED  
PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS ESSENTIAL  
FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE AREA AND THE INTERESTS OF SAUDI  
ARABIA. PRINCE SAUD FELT THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF THE  
ARAB STATES WAS PARTICULARLY CONDICTIVE TO A SETTLEMENT  
SINCE ANWAR SADAT, HAFIZ AL-ASSAD, KING HUSSEIN AND EVEN  
YASSIR ARAFAT WERE RESPONSIBLE AD MODERATE. A  
LOT OF TIME HAD ALREADY ELAPSED HOWEVER AND THE PRINCE WAS  
NOT CERTAIN THAT ANOTHER PARTIAL DISENGAGEMENT  
WOULD BE A MOVE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO  
KEEP MATTERS ON COURSE. THE GREATER ISSUES--GOLAN,  
JERUSALEM, THE REFUGEES--ALSO NEEDED TO BE TAKEN UP  
URGENTLY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE SENATOR'S QUERY ABOUT THE SOVIET  
PRESENCE IN BERBERA, PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT PRESIDENT  
SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA HAD AFFIRMED THERE WAS NO SOVIET BASE IN  
SOMALIA, AND ASKED THE SAG TO SEND ITS OWN OBSERVERS  
TO LOOK. SAUD SAID THEY HAD OF COURSE NOT TAKEN UP THE  
PRESIDENT ON HIS OFFER--TO DO SO WOULD HAVE SEEMED  
DISCOURTEOUS. BUT THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH  
USG OFFICIALS, AND ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE EVIDENCE THE  
SAUDIS WERE SATISFIED THAT THERE WERE SOVIET MILITARY  
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FACILITIES IN BERBERA. SAUD HAD ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE  
USG THE POSSIBILITY OF WEAKENING THE SOVIET POSITION IN  
SOMALIA BY JOINT U.S.-SAG OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE.  
HE BELIEVED MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN PARTICULAR  
WAS IMPORTANT TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT SINCE IT WAS  
DOMINATED BY MILITARY MEN. SENATOR MANSFIELD ASKED  
WHETHER IT WAS THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCE THAT THE  
NEIGHBORING AREAS TO SAUDI ARABIA BE KEPT FREE OF GREAT

POWER MILITARY PRESENCES, SUCH AS THE SOVIETS AT BERBERA, OR THE PROJECTED U.S. BASE AT DIEGO GARCIA. DID THE SAG FAVOR SUCH A "ZONE OF PEACE"? PRINCE SAUD SAID IT DID.

4. SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID HE WOULD BE TRAVELING TO MANILA AS THE LAST FOREIGN STOP ON HIS ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP, AND HE WONDERED IF THE PRINCE COULD BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE MOROS AND THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. THE PRINCE REVIEWED THE BACKGROUND OF THE ISSUE WITH THE SENATOR, AND SAID THAT AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN JIDDA IN JULY, THE CONFEREES HAD AGREED TO WORK FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED (A) UPON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND (B) A GUARANTEE OF AUTONOMY FOR THE MOROS OF MINDANAO. ONE PROBLEM THAT REMAINED WAS THE SECURITY GUARANTEES THE MOROS DEMANDED LEST A SETTLEMENT NOT SIMPLY REMOVE THE ISSUE FROM ISLAMIC CONSCIOUSNESS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTERWARDS BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN AN ARBITRARY WAY. PRINCE SAUD THOUGHT THE SITUATION WAS IMPROVING AND LOOKED HOPEFUL.

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